IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM
PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ANTONY DOMINIC

TUESDAY, THE 14TH AUGUST 2007 / 23RD SRAVANA 1929

WP(C).No. 24668 of 2007(J)

PETITIONER:

S.NARAYANAMOORTHY,
U.D.COMPILER, DISTRICT OFFICE, ECONOMICS &
STATISTICS, MINI CIVIL STATION, PATHANAMTHITTA.

BY ADV. SRI.K.P.RAJEEVAN

RESPONDENTS:
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1. STATE OF KERALA REPRESENTED BY ITS
SECRETARY, ECONOMICS & STATISTICS DEPARTMENT,
SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

2. THE DIRECTOR,
DIRECTORATE OF ECONOMICS & STATISTICS,
VIKAS BHAVAN, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

3. DEPUTY DIRECTOR,
DISTRICT OFFICE, ECONOMICS & STATISTICS,
PATHANAMTHITTA.

4. D.RAJAN,
VIGILANCE OFFICER,
DIRECTORATE OF ECONOMICS & STATISTICS,
VIKAS BHAVAN, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

BY GOVT. PLEADER SRI. BIJOY CHANDRAN

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 14/08/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

Antony Dominic, J.

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Dated this the 14th day of August, 2007.

JUDGMENT

Petitioner is presently working as U.D. Compiler at the District Office, Economics & Statistics, Pathanamthitta. By Ext.P1, he was placed under suspension and was charge sheeted to which he submitted Ext.P2 reply. This culminated in Ext.P5 proposing to impose a punishment of bar of increment without cumulative effect. Before that he was reinstated in service and was posted to the present place. It is stated that the respondents did not proceed with the proposal as per Ext.P5. However, by Ext.P7, the second respondent ordered a denova enquiry and appointed an Enquiry Officer. In pursuance thereof, notice of enquiry has been given and according to the petitioner, there was no progress in the matter. It is in the aforesaid circumstances, this Writ Petition has been filed.

2. In the meanwhile petitioner has also submitted Ext.P4 requesting for a transfer to Thiruvananthapuram District and

according to him, that is also pending on account of the pendency of the disciplinary proceedings.

3. Taking note of the fact that the de nova enquiry proceedings against the petitioner were initiated in February, 2006, it is only proper that the respondents take expeditious action for its completion. Accordingly, I dispose of this Writ Petition directing that the enquiry ordered against the petitioner by Ext.P7 shall be completed as expeditiously as possible, at any rate, within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this judgment. Petitioner is also directed to co-operate with the Authorities concerned for an early completion of the enquiry. On the finalisation of the enquiry ordered against the petitioner depending on its outcome, the request made by the petitioner as per Ext.P4 for transfer also shall be considered by the respondents.

Antony Dominic,
Judge.

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